The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I recently became a subscriber of the sattelite TV system following concerns with the cable tv industry.

Cable bills were becoming increasingly higher, and once they became digital internet service providers, my bills increased to pay for a service to which I would not subscribe, but for which the costs of business were passed along to me.

I oppose the Echo Star merger on the same basis. I do not wish to face higher bills for services I would not ever subscribe to or use.

I urge you to decline approval of the Echo Star merger.

Sincerely,

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